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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairmwoman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hollywood Beach Phase IV East/West Street Raising and Flood Management Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hollywood, located at 707 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, FL 33019.

The funding would be used to improve five east/west City streets in Hollywood, Florida, located between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. Reconstructing these streets to improve the effect of sea level rise and seasonal high tides, requires elevating the road profile, adding drainage inlets, and harmonizing private properties' outside of the City's Right of Way. The proposed upgrades are needed to improve the health, safety and welfare of residents and motorists and to protect the loss of personal property.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve the lives of the approximately 8,500 residents who currently reside in the affected areas. Currently, these residents live with rising sea levels and the ever-increasing severity of storms across the state¹, isolating them from the rest of the community due to the high level of flood waters covering the road. While an obvious inconvenience, it also negatively impacts the local economy by shutting down local businesses and dissuading tourists from visiting the beach due to the lack of access.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

— Member of Congress